Mr: A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peiskhar):* ഒരു വിരോധവുമില്ല. It is not for us to say how the contract is to be performed.

മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എന്നാൽ ചോദ്യത്തിനുള്ള മറുപടി ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ തരാമായിരുന്നില്ലേ ?

Mr: A: Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar).* I thought that the Hon'ble Member will understand if I answered in Malayalam. I have no objection to give the answer in Malayalam if the President orders and if the House thinks that I should reply in Malayalam, I have no objection.

Mr. President: For my own part I should prefer answers to be given in English.

മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അങ്ങരാത്തെ സിസ്റ്റത്തിൽനിന്നു വെള്ളം കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു നീറ്റ്വാരം നെല്ലായിട്ടുവേണമെന്നുള്ളതു് ഉറപ്പിക്കയായിട്ടു പിരിക്കാമെന്നു നിശ്ചയംചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു വിരോധമുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is also exactly what I said. One portion of the contract is that it will be paid in kind. The following may be the basis of the contract. You are going to cultivate this land. For getting it cultivated after getting the use of the water I am going to give you a portion of what I get. That must have been the basis. A portion of the paddy grown, in pursuance of the old contract, should be paid. Except by legislation, a change cannot be effected.

മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു പിരിക്കുന്ന തോതുപ്രകാരമേ പിരിക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളുവെന്നു നിർബ്ബന്ധിക്കുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനവകാശമില്ലേ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is exactly what I said. Except by legislation nothing of the sort can be done.

മിസ്സർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതിലേക്കു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി ഒരു ലജിസ്ലേഷൻ കൊണ്ടുവരുമോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a matter for investigation.

PRICE OF COCOANUT OIL—CONTROLLING OF

305. Mr. A: Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the pre-war price of the cocoanuts in Chittur; what now;

(*b*) what was the price of one Edangazhi of cocoanut oil pre-war and what now;

(*c*) why have the Government not controlled the price of cocoanut oil, necessaries of life?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) *Pre-war price.*—Between Rs. 4 and Rs. 4—8—0 per hundred
Present price.—Rs. 13 per hundred

(*b*) About Rs. 0—6—0 per edangazhi
About Re. 1—6—0 per edangazhi

(*c*) Compared to rise in price of home-grown paddy and other articles the increase in the above price is not phenominal or oppressive.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do the Government now pay three times the pre-war price?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Rs. 1—6—0. It was only about 5 annas or so before.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will not the Government be pleased to do something for the Chittur people?

Mr. President: That is a suggestion which will be considered.

VILLAGE FOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

306. Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Will Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether the Village Food Advisory Committees have Presidents;

(*b*) whether there is provision for the appointment or election of Presidents for such Committees;

(*c*) who is to convene the meetings of such Committees;

(*d*) whether the rules for the working of such committees authorise the committees to visit the Fair Price Shops and retail shops;

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